

Great Start

Summer study programme for international students

AUT

NEW ZEALAND

Get a great start to your university study in 2021 with an intensive part-time 6-week course over summer. You'll develop the academic skills needed for your first year, focusing on:

- Group and pair work, collaboration and interpersonal skills
- Academic reading and writing skills development
- Academic vocabulary development

You'll also become familiar with the campus, experience university life, and have some fun on excursions with others like yourself who are moving into university study.



**Tuesday 5 January to
Friday 12 February 2021**



9am-12pm



For more information including fees and entry requirements:
aut.ac.nz/greatstart



**International
House**
Auckland



SAMPLE WEEK

This is an example of what a typical week in the Great Start summer study programme is likely to include. The actual programme will vary.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9am-12pm – 3 lessons				10am-3pm Excursion/social activity
1. Day 1 introductions and icebreaker activity Focus on communication skills 2. Academic vocabulary skills Introduction to academic word list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving your academic vocabulary Techniques for vocabulary development 3. AUT Library tour 'How to get the most out of the library' and introduction to database research plus task sheet	1. Te Reo and Te Ao at AUT Welcome and introduction to the importance of Te Reo and Te Ao (Māori language and culture) at AUT, including learning waiata (songs) 2. Academic writing Introduction to essays and structuring and organising a piece of writing 3. Reflective task Based on morning activities and mini report writing task	1. Academic writing Topic sentences and paragraph development 2. Academic reading skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to efficient reading strategies Speed reading 3. Skills for group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with others Working in harmony Setting common goals 	1. Introduction to academic sources and referencing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a reference list? What is intext referencing? Referencing conventions and format 2. Notetaking skills Introduction to lectures and notetaking skills with practice activities and feedback 3. Guest lecturer from AUT School of Communication Studies	Trip to West Coast beach with Kiwiana Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karekare Beach black sand ocean beach plus guided waterfall and bushwalk Bring your own picnic lunch/sunblock/sun hat/water Return to City Campus around 3pm
Homework task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 items from academic vocabulary list 	Homework task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete mini report 20 items from academic vocabulary list 	Homework task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete timed reading task 20 items from academic vocabulary list 	Homework task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 items from academic vocabulary list 	

SAMPLE EXCURSIONS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

This is an indication of the excursions and social activities you can expect as part of the Great Start summer study programme.

DATE	WHERE	ACTIVITIES	WHAT TO BRING	TIME AND TRANSPORT DETAILS
Fri 8 Jan	Kiwiana Tours excursion to West Coast beach in Auckland	Bus trip to famous Karekare black sand beach, bush walk and waterfall walk and waterfall pool swim	Picnic lunch, water/juice, sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, casual clothes, walking shoes, swimming gear for waterfall swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depart City Campus at 10am Return to City Campus approx. 3pm
Fri 15 Jan	Sports afternoon at AUT North Campus gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volleyball Basketball Badminton Table tennis 	Sports gear and sports shoes, water/juice, snacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depart City Campus for North Campus at 12.30pm on the AUT shuttle bus Return to City Campus approx. 3.30pm
Fri 22 Jan	Rangitoto Island trip	Ferry trip from downtown Auckland to Rangitoto Island, our iconic Auckland harbour landmark. Explore the island and the caves and enjoy a bushwalk with a picnic lunch at the top and great photo opportunities. A chance to swim at the beach before the ferry returns	Picnic lunch, water/juice, sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, casual clothes, walking shoes, swimming gear for beach swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depart on Fullers ferry at 10am Return approx. 4pm
Fri 29 Jan	BBQ on campus with AUT Students Association (AUTSA)	BBQ and social event for international students. A chance to relax, meet other new internationals and 'meet a buddy' for your future on campus	Yourself and your best smile! Sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, casual clothes	City Campus
Fri 5 Feb	AUT Employability and Wellbeing event	Event focusing on the Edge Awards, student wellbeing, resilience and employability services	Sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, casual clothes	City Campus 12pm-3pm
Fri 12 Feb	Great Start closing ceremony and graduation	Celebration of your success over the last six weeks with a certificate presentation, a waiata and a blessing	Your best singing voice! Dress up to look good in photos	City Campus 11am-1pm